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Public comment to the Court regarding whether the settlement offered by Administration and some states is in the public interest :

- I am totally disinterested in the case except as a consumer using personal computers at home and work.
- I am not a lawyer, do not work for Microsoft or any of its competitors, do not make decisions about operating system purchases where I work (Philips Semiconductor Division), and have no predisposition about anti-trust laws .
- I believe the entire effort to prosecute Microsoft in the name of supposedly injured consumers was unjustified and destructive. As a consumer, I was never injured and the prospect of being injured in the future is nil, based on the extraordinarily innovative software industry in the US and abroad.
- As a user/consumer during the entire period August 1981 to today, I experienced the "bad old days" of incompatible operating systems and wildly proliferating applications programs. So the standardization resulting from Microsoft's success came as a godsend to me personally and all my colleagues at work.
- Any impartial financial analysis of the costs saved and new business transactions facilitated in the US economy and the world by this standardization would be colossal. Everyone is in their debt. Microsoft's huge revenue and earnings are essentially compensation for this vast benefit , not the ill-gotten gains their competitors claim.
- The parties who orchestrated the entire mistaken prosecution were the competitors.

Therefore I oppose any attempt to make the Settlement terms harsher. The worst result would be a breakup of the company or restriction on Microsoft's freedom to integrate whatever software they think they can sell me. I will judge for myself whether I want to buy and use their integrated products.

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